

138 AD

Marcus Aurelius was adopted
by Emperor Antoninus Pius

76-138 AD

HADRIAN

PUBLIUS AELIUS HADRIANUS

138 AD

ANTONINUS is emperor

25 Feb. 138

Adoption of T. AURELIUS ANTONINUS
by HADRIAN; adoption of Marcus and
Lucius by Antoninus

24 Jan 138

It was on Hadrian's 62nd birthday on 24 Jan. 138 that the emperor announced his wish to adopt Antoninus & thus marked him out as his successor.

Hadrian adopted Antonine and at some time Antoninus adopted Marcus Annii Verus (then 16), and the young LUCIUS CEIONIVS COMMODUS, son of

that Lucius Ceionius Commodus who had
been Hadrian's first choice as heir
but had died 2 mos earlier.

10 July 138

Antoninus Pius succeeded
Hadrian after 21 years.

138 - 192

AGE OF THE ANTONINES

Only minor wars mark the long reign of Nerva's adopted son, ANTONINUS PIUS. Less fortunate were his successors, the adoptive brothers, MARCUS AURELIUS and LUCIUS VERUS, who were challenged first by the PARTHIANS and then the Germans to the North. When the latter invaded Italy in 167, the empire's vulnerability became all too clear. After Marcus' death

MARCUS AURELIUS, known as Rome's
first philosopher king, spent his final
days on the Danubian border. Ending the
pattern of adoption which had served so
well, AURELIUS was succeeded by his
vainglorious son, COMMODUS, whose
assassination in 192 marked the end
of the Antonine dynasty.

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Antoninus Pius (TITUS AURELIUS
ANTONINUS PIUS) was emperor

10 July 138

Death of Hadrian
Accession of Antoninus Pius

138

Commodus died.
1 Hadrian adopted Antoninus
Hadrian died at Baiae.

10 July 138

Antoninus Pius became emperor

10 July 138

Hadrian died of illness at BAIAE,
Buried first at Puteoli, near Baiae,
then in the garden of Domitia, Rome.

Ashes were finally placed in Mausoleum
of HADRIAN.